

TELESP CELLULAR HOLDING CO /ADR/

Form 6-K

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of January, 2003

Commission File Number 1-14493

TELESP CELULAR PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Telesp Cellular Holding Company

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Rua Abílio Soares, 409
04005-001 - São Paulo, SP
Federative Republic of Brazil
(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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TELESP CELULAR PARTICIPAÇÕES TO ISSUE PROMISSORY NOTES

São Paulo, Brazil January 14, 2003 Telesp Celular Participações S.A (TCP), (NYSE: TCP; BOVESPA: TSPP3 (Common), TSPP4 (Preferred)), the Brazilian holding company that owns 100% of Telesp Celular S.A., the leading mobile operator in the state of São Paulo in Brazil, and Global Telecom S.A., a B-band mobile operator in the Brazilian states of Santa Catarina and Paraná, announced today the beginning of procedures to offer promissory notes in the Brazilian market, with the following features:

Issuer: Telesp Celular Participações S.A.

Securities Offered: Up to R\$ 700,000,000.00 (seven hundred million Reais) on the issue/subscription date. The public offer of promissory notes is subject to a minimum placement of R\$ 500,000,000.00 (five hundred million Reais).

Face value: R\$ 1,000,000.00 (one million Reais) on the issue/subscription date.

Number of Notes: Up to 700 (seven hundred) promissory notes

Issue Date: To be defined by the Issuer along with the Underwriters as soon as the respective registration is obtained with CVM.

Maturity: 180 days after the issue date.

Interest Rate: It will be determined in the bookbuilding process, as a percentage of the CDI (Brazilian Interbank Deposit Rate) that better reflects the current market situation at the placement date.

Trading Market: NOTA/CETIP System

Guarantee: Telesp Celular S.A.

Use of Proceeds: The proceeds will be used to cancel short term debt due to recent acquisition of Global Telecom's remaining shares and the restructuring of existing liabilities, due to investments incurred.

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Bookbuilding scheduled date: 01/29/2003

Settlement Date: Scheduled for 02/04/2003

The underwriters are Espírito Santo Investment, BBV, Santander, Bradesco and Unibanco.

We clarify that the issue of the referred promissory notes is subject to the approval of CVM Comissão de Valores Mobiliários.

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This information is also available at <http://www.telespcelular.com.br>

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 15, 2003

TELESP CELULAR PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

By: /s/ Maria Paula de Almeida
Martins Canais

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